Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know whether any officer is appointed to see that the time is corrected. The Huzur is getting its clocks adjusted by phoning to the Post Office and my information is that the Treasury people also adjust their clock according to the Huzur time.

Spread of Leprosy in Kunnamkulam.

368. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to the answer to question No. 12, dated 22nd January 1934, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Director of Public Health to bring under control spread of leprosy in Kunnamkulam as seen from the very large number of leper patients attending leper clinic there; and if none has been taken,

(b) whether this matter has received the attention of the above officer; and if so,

(c) what does he propose to do in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A leper clinic has been opened at Kunnamkulam by the Medical Department and instructions are given to the patients resorting to the clinic. Dangerous cases are directed to the Leper hospital at Adur.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the leper clinic was started as a result of the initiative taken by the Medical Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What steps the Director of Public Health has taken in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A leper clinic is working there. Nothing further has been done at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it not possible to do something more? Has this matter been brought to the attention of the Director of Public Health?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Director of Public Health knows that a clinic is working there.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it not possible for him to suggest some remedial measures?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has not reported anything till now. Government will ask him to report if he has anything further to say.

An article in the Snehitan.

369. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the Article written by Mr. M. K. Koran, Secretary, Mala Pulaya Samajam, and

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published in the "Snehitan", dated 1st Karkadagam 1108 under the heading "Mala Pulaya Colony"; and if so,

(b) what are the allegations and requests contained therein;

(c) whether the Government have brought this Article to the attention of the Protector of the Depressed Classes; and if so,

(d) whether he has submitted any report to the Government regarding the allegations and requests contained therein; and if so,

(e) whether the report will be printed and placed on the table;

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The complaints were:—

i. that the Protector was using improper language;

ii. that the Colony was being mismanaged by the warden; and

iii. that even the Bhajana Mutt was insanitary. There was also a request to appoint a certain person as Warden of the Colony.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) A copy of the Protector's report is placed on the table. (*Appendix VI.*)

Appointment of Wardens

370. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—നെട്ടർ, മാള, വലിയ പറമ്പ്, മുളന്തുരുത്ത്, പച്ചാളം, കുമ്പളം, വടക്കാഞ്ചേരി, ആനന്ദപുരം, നന്തിക്കര, മലയാറ്റൂർ, അരണാട്ടുകര, കുന്ദംക്കുളം, ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട എന്നീ കോളനികളിലും കോട്ടൻ ഹോസ്റ്റലിലും വാർഡന്മാരായി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർ ഏതു സമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരാണ്; ഇവരുടെ പേരും വീട്ടുപേരും എന്തു?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—കോളനി വാർഡന്മാരുടെ പേരുവിവരം കാണിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. (*Appendix VII*).

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—നെട്ടർ കോളനിയിൽ വാർഡനെ നിയമിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ അധഃകൃതരിൽ നിന്നും വല്ലവരും അപേക്ഷകന്മാരായി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുവൊ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—നോട്ടീസ് വേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അധഃകൃതസംരക്ഷകനോടു എഴുതി ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—നോട്ടീസ് വേണം.

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APPENDIX VI.

Letter dated 14th November 1933, C. 1290/1108, from the Protector of the Depressed Classes.

Newspaper cutting—"Snehithan" dated 1st Karkadagam 1108.

In resubmitting the newspaper cutting from the "Snehithan" quoted above, I have the honour to report as follows.—

The newspaper article under reference purports to be a communication sent to the "Snehithan" paper by one M. K. Koran, a Pulaya resident of the Mala Colony. As will be shown in the course of my report, M. K Koran's name has been used without his knowledge to sponser various unfounded allegations in the article by somebody with the deliberate purpose of casting aspersions against me. The writer of the article in his assumed role of the spokesman of the colonists remarks in the course of it that they the colonists have no complaints to make against me and then proceeds to vilify my fair name by insinuating that the Warden appointed by me is not managing the colony properly and that I am not exercising sufficient check and scrutiny over him. However apart from insinuations as pointed allegations, the correspondent to the paper states that I am abusing and intimidating the colonists and that in 1107, I carried away with me some chillies, salt and pumpkin. I submit that both these allegations are utterly false. As instances of the Warden's mismanagement, it is alleged the fencing materials for the purchase of which money was entrusted to the Warden were purchased from the market and not from the Pulayas themselves and that only about Rs. 3 worth of tapioca cuttings were purchased although Rs. 4 was supposed to have been entrusted to the Warden. Now as regards these allegations, I submit that no such sums were given to the Warden by me for the alleged purposes. All that I have to submit in this connection is that compound fencing for the 20 acres of the colony grounds have been put up last year as usual, the work being carried out by the Pulaya residents themselves, and that the colony premises have been planted up with plantain trees, tapioca, jack fruit and mango seedlings and that they are coming up well. The colony grounds are always kept neat and clean, a number of drainage channels serving to keep the premises high and dry even during the rainy weather. A number of pacca houses are being built year by year, as funds permit and the colony is progressing steadily.

With the mention of the Ezhava youth who is said to be an eyesore to me, the writer of the article may be said to have let the cat out of the bag. The Ezhava youth referred to, whatever be his qualifications, is one N. C. Ravunni of Mala, who has been interfering with the colony affairs to such an undesirable extent and creating trouble there that I had on more than one occasion informed the Mala Police of his mischievous activities. Early in 1108, he got together a number of the poor Pulaya inmates of the colony and induced them to put in a petition before me, extolling the innumerable merits of the said Ravunni and requesting me to appoint him as the colony Warden. But as a Warden was already in charge of the colony and as I know the said Ravunni too well to be enamoured of him, I gave the petitioners the following reply dated 8th Kanni 1108, which too, I am afraid did not go to improve his temper. "There is no vacancy of a Warden at present to be given to Mr. N. C. Ravunni."

I showed the newspaper cutting to M. K. Koran over whose name the article appears. Koran denied all knowledge of the same and in a statement he submitted to me, which is herewith submitted for kind perusal, he further states that the allegations contained in the article are false and utterly unfounded. I believe, I have now succeeded in nailing the lie to the counter.

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